## BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2001-1

MOTION OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF ITS INTERROGATORIES TO POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ALTAF H. TAUFIQUE (NNA/USPS-T34-1-3)

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, the National Newspaper

Association hereby moves for acceptance of late filings of its interrogatories to United

States Postal Service witnesses Altaf H. Taufique (NNA/USPS-T34-1-3.) The

interrogatories are attached to this motion.

We learned today that our interrogatories were never received by either the Postal Service or the Postal Rate Commission, despite our mailing them on December 7, 2001, prior to the deadline established by the Commission of December 10<sup>th</sup>. We believe this occurred due to federal agency mail irradiation that has significantly slowed the mail. We contacted the Postal Service counsel and faxed the interrogatories to them. Postal Service counsel agreed not to oppose this motion. We do not believe any party to be prejudiced by this matter.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served this	s document in accordance with Section 12 of the
Commission's Rules of Practice	· /

Dated: 12/21/01

Virginia Nelson